

The regular monthly meeting of the Fox Township Board of Supervisors was held December 7, 2016 at 6:00 PM. Those present: Mike Keller, Dave Mattiuz and Randy Gradizzi, supervisors, Kathy Dowie, secretary-treasurer, Amy Cherry and Katie Weidenboerner, newspaper reporters, Margie Guido, Don Ruffner, Cheryl Ruffner, DJ Sampson, Matt Pontzer, Rick Krishart, Mike Agosti, Terry Krishart, Judy Woelfel, Rob Woelfel, Tyrel Woelfel, Tony Fredo, JoAnn Grazioli and Joe Largey.

Chairman Keller called the meeting to order and began with the opening of sealed bids. Results as follows:

3,000 ton 2A Limestone				
		Price per Ton		
Bucktail Excavators	\$	15.47	*	
G O Hawbaker	\$	23.30		
New Enterprise	\$	19.80		
JM Delullo	\$	18.00		
Hanson Aggregates	\$	19.00		
A motion was made by Randy Gradizzi, seconded by Dave Mattiuz to award the bid to Bucktail Excavators, the lowest bidder. Motion carried.				

There was only one bid received for the sale of the 1995 International dump truck from Cameron Uhl in the amount of \$500. A motion was made by Randy Gradizzi, seconded by Dave Mattiuz to reject the bid and advertise on Municibids. Motion carried.

Chairman Keller continued the meeting by acknowledging the visitors.

Tony Fredo was present to ask the Board to reconsider plowing the snow at Fox Manor. He re-emphasized that occupancy is low because many do not meet the income qualifications to live there. Mike Keller explained that the Township is not in the position to be able to plow the snow at the Manor. The Board took no further action on this request.

Joe Largey commented on the rate increases for Toby Water. He stated that the existing plant was only designed for 28,000 gallons per day and that has been exceeded for some time. He feels that it is best to continue with St. Marys Water, as the current water supply is not adequate on many occasions and the plant is no longer optimal. Largey also accused Rob singer of attacking him and faulted the Board of Supervisors for not taking any action on the issue. Mike Keller responded that there was no proof of the action and that it is a civil matter between Largey and Singer; not the Board’s responsibility. Dave Mattiuz reiterated that there was no proof that anything happened – only Rob’s word against Joe’s. Even in a court of law, without proof it is only hearsay and no action would have resulted.

There were no other visitor comments.

A motion was made by Randy Gradizzi, seconded by Dave Mattiuz to approve the minutes from the regular monthly meeting of November 2nd and the Conditional use Hearing of November 10th. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Landfill inspection reports dated 10/31 and 11/28 have been received and are available for review.

Notice was received that Rosebud Mining Company intends to seek Stage 1, 2, & 3 Bond release for the Moshannon Mine in Fox Township.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Dave Mattiuz asked the status of the timber sale on Toby Water property. Randy Gradizzi replied that they have begun marking trees but were not ready yet for bidding.

Dave Mattiuz asked the status of the cross drain issue on Browns Road. Randy Gradizzi replied that they flushed the line and it seem to be working better. They will watch it to see if it will require replacement.

NEW BUSINESS

The Fox Township Planning Commission reviewed the following subdivisions and recommended them for approval:

Black Earth LP is subdividing their property, located along Krise Road, into 8 lots. Each lot will be approximately 1 acre and will be served by public water and public sewer. Black Earth's Planning Module was approved by DEP in September, approving them to connect these lots to the line recently installed by REBCO. The Fox Township Zoning Hearing Board has also granted them a variance to allow the side setbacks for these lots to be 10 feet instead of 15 feet. The residual property is 134 acres. A motion was made by Randy Gradizzi, seconded by Dave Mattiuz to approve this subdivision as presented. Motion carried.

Greentree Landfill is subdividing their property off of Rt. 153. Lot 1 will be 375 acres, Lot 2 1078.5 acres. These lots will be conveyed to Thea Development with the intension of developing a data center campus, once a developer is committed. Lot 1 has been submitted for KOEZ designation. These lots are situated in both Fox and Horton Townships. Upon development, these lots will be served by public water and sewage from Brockway. Horton Township and Elk County have also reviewed this subdivision. . A motion was made by Randy Gradizzi, seconded by Dave Mattiuz to approve this subdivision as presented. Motion carried.

A vacancy exists of the Fox Township Planning Commission due to the resignation of Jason Cotton. This term will expire in 2018. Anyone interested should contact the Township office.

A motion was made by Randy Gradizzi, seconded by Dave Mattiuz to approve a Fireworks permit for Jennifer Vallimont, 183 Hayes Road for display on December 30th. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Dave Mattiuz, seconded by Randy Gradizzi to adopt the 2017 budget as proposed. Motion carried. There were no comments submitted regarding the proposed budget.

The following Junkyard license renewals have been submitted for approval:

Elk County Recycling, 1384 Million Dollar Hwy.

Thomas Kronenwetter, 131 Linwood Ave.

A motion was made by Randy Gradizzi, seconded by Dave Mattiuz to approve these applications. Motion carried.

The following application has been submitted for use of the Community Park: Jennifer Bobenrieth, lantern memorial service, December 30th. A motion was made by Dave Mattiuz, seconded by Randy Gradizzi to approve this request. Motion carried.

Elk County Tax Claim received an offer for two parcels of land at 385 Toby Road (Schneider property) in the amount of \$1002.50. The bidder intends to demolish the dilapidated house and refurbish the existing garage. Tax Claim needs the approval of the Township to accept the offer. A motion was made by Randy Gradizzi, seconded by Dave Mattiuz to accept this offer. Motion carried.

The following bills were submitted for approval for payment:

From the General Fund, check #26448 thru check #26496 in the amount of \$40,806.48

From the Landfill Fund, check #1780 thru check #1786 in the amount of \$5,454.83

From the Toby Water account, check #944 thru check #952 in the amount of \$3,162.05

From the Fire Protection Fund, check #1569 thru check #1571 in the amount of \$11,605.46

For a TOTAL of \$61,028.82

A motion was made by Dave Mattiuz, seconded by Mike Keller to approve the bills as present. Motion carried with Keller and Mattiuz in favor. Randy Gradizzi was in favor of the motion but abstained from check #26489, #1783 and check #950 to St. Marys Water, as he sits on the Board, check # 26492 to Walmart, his wife works there.

OTHER BUSINESS

Rick Krishart asked if anymore thought had gone into a sign along Rt. 948 advertising the industrial park lots. The board felt that this would be a good idea. Kathy Dowie will look into prices for a sign.

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Dave Mattiuz, seconded by Randy Gradizzi, to adjourn this meeting at 6:41 PM. Motion carried.

The annual organizational meeting will be held Tuesday, January 3, 2017 at 6 PM at the Municipal building with the regular monthly meeting to immediately follow.